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ARREST IN BANK ROBBERY OF CREDIT UNION ONE

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, March 21, 2008, that Ian Lee Pagel, resident of Anchorage, Alaska, appeared in federal court after his arrest on a criminal complaint charging him with bank robbery.

The complaint named Pagel, age 33, as the sole defendant.

According to the criminal complaint and the affidavit filed in support, the defendant is charged with robbing Credit Union One at 4020 Debarr Road on March 16, 2008. A photo from the video surveillance was made public to the media, and Pagel was identified by members of the community. He turned himself in to the Anchorage Police Department on March 19, 2008.

Assistant United States Attorney Retta Randall indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation leading to the charge in this case.

An criminal complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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